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Tim Nuvangyaoma, Chairman  
Hopi Tribe  
P.O. Box 123  
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Subject: EPA's Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) Draft Ranking

Dear Chairman Nuvangyaoma:

Thank you for the Hopi Tribe's proposal submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the FY2020 Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) solicitation. Below is EPA's draft ranking for the proposed project. Where our draft ranking differs from the proposed ranking submitted with each project proposal, a description of the basis for our draft ranking is included in the enclosure.

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Draft Health Ranking Category</u>
DWTSA 20-10	Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project	6c

This year EPA received 26 proposals with requests for funding totaling over \$24 million. The amount of funds that will be available in FY2020 is unknown at this time; however, we hope to fund projects in Health Categories 1-6 that are ready to proceed, and possibly some projects in Health Categories 7 and 8. A description of the health ranking categories is included on pages 16 and 17 of EPA Region 9's Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Program 2020 Guidelines and Procedures for Applying for Assistance: (<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-9-drinking-water-tribal-set-aside-program>).

To maintain consideration for EPA funding or for reconsideration of EPA's draft ranking, **the following information must be received by EPA no later than March 27, 2020.**

1. Responses to the enclosed EPA comments and requests for information.
2. Capacity Checklist, Financial Management Spreadsheet and Project Management Checklist (<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-9-drinking-water-tribal-set-aside-program>). The DWTSA program regulations require that the Tribe has adequate technical, managerial and financial capacity to operate and maintain the system in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EPA's assessment of the Tribe's capacity may include a site visit from your EPA Program Manager and/or a contractor. Please note that assistance will not be provided to

systems that are in significant noncompliance with national primary drinking water regulations (including monitoring and reporting requirements), unless the system achieves compliance or the project that is being funded will ensure compliance. Likewise, those systems that cannot demonstrate the capacity to operate and maintain the system in compliance with the SDWA will not be funded.

3. A copy of the most recent operator certification for the operator(s) of each public water system for which you submitted a project proposal.

Please send your responses to Karly Ho at [ho.karly@epa.gov](mailto:ho.karly@epa.gov).

If you have questions, please contact your Program Manager, Jeffrey Tsai at (415) 972-3459, or the DWTSA coordinator, Karly Ho at (415) 972-3458. Thank you for participating in the FY2020 DWTSA solicitation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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**Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP)**  
**EPA Region 9 Comments**  
**February 13, 2020**

EPA has ranked this project as a health ranking category 6c due to elevated arsenic levels in the four village water systems of Polacca, Shungopavi, Sipaulovi and Mishongnovi. To maintain funding consideration, please respond to the following request for additional information:

1. Please provide an updated HAMP project schedule. The project schedule contained in *Attachment H to the Self-Determination Construction Contract by and between The Hopi Utilities Corporation and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service* includes the following recent and upcoming milestones:
  - a. IHS-Hopi CPO E/A Clearance (October 2019);
  - b. HUC 30% Design Report (March 2020);
  - c. IHS FONSI Amendment (June 2020).

Please provide any updates to these milestones and any deliverables associated with them.

